



JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

#### ZAKAAT IS THE UMBRELLA FOR THE ASNAF

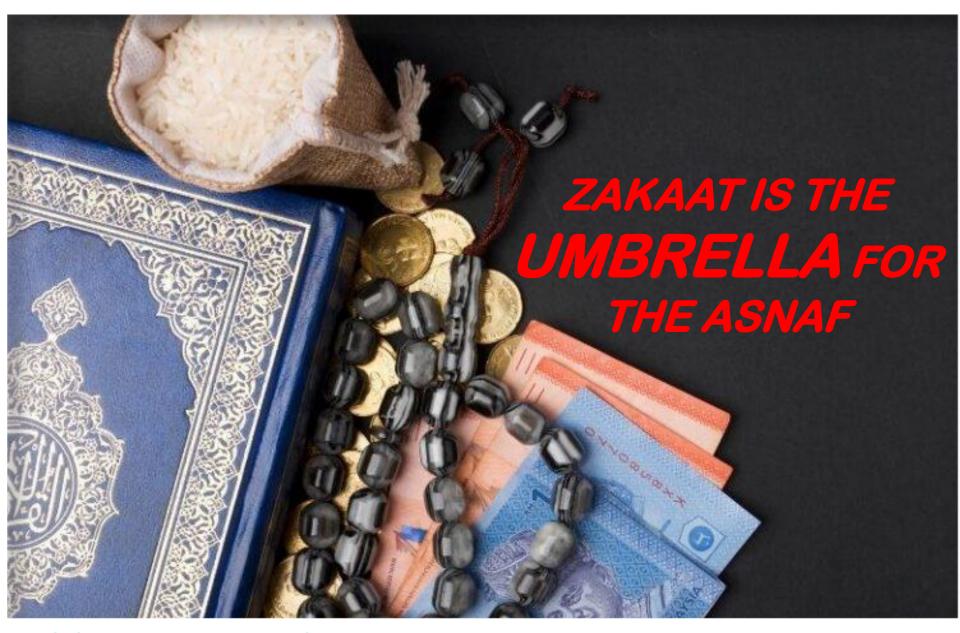
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all of us to altogether strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of His **Commands and leaving** 

out all of His prohibitions. Let us give undivided attention to the sermon that is to be delivered. Let us not talk and fiddle around with our cellular phones. May this khutbah benefit us all.

#### The title of the *khutbah* today is



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We find that the society is often confused as to who is eligible to receive zakaat (tithe)? The truth is, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has clearly mentioned that there are only eight (8) categories

of people that are qualified to receive zakaat funds, as Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 60 of soorah at-Tawbah that was recited at the beginning the of the khutbah:

"Zakaah expenditures are only for the poor and for the needy and for those employed to collect [zakaah] and for bringing hearts together [for Islam] and for freeing captives [or slaves] and

for those in debt and for the cause of Allah and for the [stranded] traveler - an obligation [imposed] by Allah. And Allah is Knowing and Wise."

Meaning, only those that belong to the categories mentioned are truly eligible. Single mothers, orphans, the homeless and the elderlies are only qualified if they truly belong in one of the

categories of asnaf (zakaat recipients). For example, the poor single mother is assisted due to her poverty, not because of her single mother status.

The Shara' also gives higher priority to the poor, needy, and mu'allaf (reverts). Hence, they are provided with aid that packages are comprehensive so that they will be able to

escape poverty and not permanently dependent on assistance. Among those aids are monthly subsistence, lodging (rental, renovation, and built new), education (pre-school up to the

## university level), and financial assistance to start a business venture.

Can we pay *zakaah* from our income outside of the state where we are employed? Let it be known that zakaat from one's income must be fulfilled where one is employed and seeks sustenance, even though one may reside outside the district of employment. This matter had been clarified

by Imaam al-Mawardi in *al-Haawee al-Kabeer* that:

"If it is zakaat on the wealth, then what is paid from it is the location of the wealth, not the location of the owner."

This indicates the priority of fulfilling one's zakaah at the locality where one seeks sustenance. This is because the poor and the needy of that locality have more rights upon the funds collected from

zakaat payers of that particular area. This is based on the decision of the Selangor Fatwa **Committee** that was gazetted on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002 that clarified:

"All Muslims that reside or work in Selangor must fulfill their zakaat of income to the Selangor Zakaat Center."

The management of Zakaat Selangor is very meticulous in preserving the amaanah (trust) in affairs pertaining to zakaah. All allocations that have

been spent are not concealed, and instead they are reported The annually. distribution aspect becomes the priority, so that the zakaat payer

# knows where the funds are being channeled to.

In the year 2022, as an example, a total of RM1.05 billion has been disbursed to all categories of *asnaf*.

This includes RM207.2 million for the poor (*fuqaraa'*), RM360.8 million for the needy (masaakeen), RM131.4 million for the 'aamileen **RM52.2** (collectors), million for the mu'allaf,

**RM22.9** million for the rigaab (freeing captives), **RM90** million for the ghaarimeen (those in debt), RM183.9 million for fee sabeelillaah (in the cause of Allah),

and RM0.9 million for *ibn* as-sabee/(traveler).

Through the Social **Development Program, for** example, **RM627.75** million was spent and had benefited a total of

162,000 asnaf families and 444 institutions. **Even more impressive is** that a total of 6,000 asnaf individuals were able to exit from poverty and became entrepreneurs. **Under the Educational** 

**Development Program, a** total of RM58.3 milliion was spent with 95,954 recipients from preschool to the university level, covering various fields of study such as **Islamic studies**,

medicine, engineering, and others. For the huffaazh (memorizers of al-Qur'an), the Huffaazh **Scholarship** worth RM11.1 million was disbursed 5,234 to memorizers of al-Qur'an.

Through the Selangor Budding Asnaf Entrepreneur Program, a total of 1,228 poor and needy asnaf in Selangor had successfully become entrepreneurs in various fields.

In Selangor, there are actually many "zakaat asnaf icons" that have carved their names as role models and exemplaries. Among the successful asnaficons in **Selangor** is

Professor Associate Dato' Dr. Hj. Farid Ravi bin Abdullah, who is currently the Vice **Chancellor of Universiti** Islam Selangor (UIS). He is among the exemplary asnaf mu'allafthat was

aided from his early reversion to Islam, all the way until he was successful in elevating his predicament to be on par, and even higher, compared to others. And today, he is often the

## source of inspiration for many in attaining success, despite being a revert.

We are also proud of the progenies of *asnaf* that have managed to complete their tertiary

attaining education, degrees, and even went on to pursue various occupations, becoming physicians, educators, academicians, engineers, and many

others. They had proved that the zakaat funds channeled had provided the very opportunity for them to create a major shift in their lives.

The fact is, with the ability to distribute zakaat of RM1.05 billion and zakaat collection of RM1.07 billion in 2022, it clearly manifests that the management of Zakaat **Selangor is truly trusted** 

within this state. This was all attained with great strive and sacrifice. **Consistent** with its 30 years of service in the year 2024, the management of Zakaat **Selangor** is truly

cognizant that the key lies to success in istigaamah having (steadfastness) while providing the best service, specifically in the zakaat distribution

aspect. When zakaat payers are satisfied, they will continue to remain loyal in fulfilling their zakaat.

The management of Zakaat Selangor also becomes the primary example for many nations such as Indonesia, Thailand, and others. They were excited to learn about the

innovations in zakaat management in Selangor, which yields multitudes of benefit to the Muslims. Therefore, in ensuring that this success remains,

it necessitates having the support of all quarters. The easiest method is to lodge a report to Zakaat Selangor if one finds those that are eligible

to be aided, and get rid of the habit of making viral and sensationalizing zakaatrelated issues on the social media at will.

I humbly call upon all of us to join hands together in empowering zakaat in this state, as Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 7 of soorah Muhammad:

## "O you who have believed, if you support Allah, He will support you and plant firmly your feet."

Remember, for all of our noble efforts in alleviating the burden of other Muslims, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has promised to alleviate our

burden. In the Abu hadeeth of Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, the Prophet Said:

"Whoever removes a worldly grief from a believer, Allah will remove from him one of the griefs of the Day of Resurrection. And whoever alleviates the

need of a needy person, Allah will alleviate his needs in this world and the Hereafter. Whoever shields [or hides the misdeeds of] a Muslim,

Allah will shield him in this world and the Hereafter. And Allah will aid His slave so long as he aids his brother."



To end the khutbah this time, the following are matters that can be taken as guidance:

1. The Muslim ummah must comprehend that zakaah plays a crucial role in safeguarding the maslahah (general interest) of the Muslim ummah.

2. The Muslim ummah must realize that efficient zakaat will management vield benefits upon the Muslims in this state.

3. Zakaat Selangor, as institution an entrusted by His Majesty the Sultan of Selangor to administer zakaat affairs, must be given

# moral and material support so as to execute its function in the best manner.

"Your ally is none but Allah and [therefore] His Messenger and those who have believed - those who establish prayer and give zakaah, and they bow [in worship]." (Soorah al-Maa'idah 5:55)



Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the tagwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by protecting ourselves and our families from committing acts of disobedience and abominable

deeds. At the same time, we continue to supplicate so that we will always be blessed and protected from all forms of threat and the spread of Covid-**19** endemic. For that, respected audience are

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advised to practice self-care and be mindful of one's personal hygiene and surroundings. Maintain social distancing and wear the face mask to prevent contagion. Avoid being in a congested and

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narrow area, and do not converse too close to others especially when having symptoms that can be associated with Covid-19.

Let us strictly adhere to the **Standard Operating Procedure** (SOP) stipulated in preventing the spread of the pandemic, so that we can continue to engage in 'ibaadah (worship) and activities at the masaajid

and suraus, and together indulge in worship during the month of Ramadaan that will soon dawn upon US.

### **O** Allah, **O** our Lord! Save our Muslim brethren whom are oppressed in the land of **Palestine, and wherever they**

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those that have been mistreated and oppressed. **O** Allah! Bestow upon the Muslim fighters, as well as the Palestinians, strength and patience in enduring

### the cruelty of the enemy. O **Allah!** Restore peace and prosperity in the land of **Palestine so that its people** will live in happiness.

#### **O Allah! Make us among Your** slaves that fulfills the amaanah. Strengthen our imaan so that we avoid treachery, protect us from becoming among those that neglect their responsibilities,

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and protect our state and nation from destruction due to bribery. Render the duty to lead our country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest,

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as well as firm and courageous in upholding the truth and executing justice according to the Sharee'ah. O Allah, make the masaajid and suraus in

the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the ummah's strength.

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